Emory Smith and his wife, Annette as a working farm and country retreat. Emory donated the property to LSU in 1981 so that his “Hilltop” could become an arboretum of native plants, and to encourage its free use by both the University and general public. The visitor will find not only a place of learning, but a quiet place, far removed from the pressure of life; a space of solace and contemplation.

LSU HILLTOP ARBORETUM is a 14-acre museum of plants with an extensive collection of more than 150 species of southern native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. The property was originally purchased in 1926 by LSU. It was later donated to LSU by Emory Smith in 1981, who named his property “Hilltop” as a place of learning, but a quiet place, far removed from the pressure of life; a space of solace and contemplation.

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LSU HILLTOP ARBORETUM

Grounds open to public to enjoy the landscape and unique plant collection.

Site
Open Daily
9am - 4:30pm
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Annual Levels of Membership

If you enjoyed your time at hilltop and would like to keep Emory’s dream alive and enhance the site, please consider joining Friends of Hilltop at one of the following levels:

$35 Violet
• Reciprocal Access to 320+ Gardens
• 10% Discount on Plants at Plantfest
• Reduced Member Rates for Programs, Trips, Events
• Admission to Annual Member Luncheon
• E-Notices About Programs, Events and Activities

$50 Azalea
All Benefits at the Violet Level, plus:
• 10% Discount on Plants at Spring Fling Sale
• Free Admission to PlantFest Teaser

$75 Redbud
All Benefits at the Above Levels, plus:
• 10% Discount on Plants at Year End Sale
• 10% Discount at Gift Shop

$100 Dogwood
All Benefits at the Above Levels, plus:
• 10% Year-Round Discount on Plants at Hodge Podge Nursery
• Free Hilltop T-Shirt (New Selection Each Year)
• 10% Discount Children’s Camps

$250 Magnolia
All Benefits at the Above Levels, plus:
• Free Admission to 9 Discover Nature Programs
• 10% Discount on Consulting Arborist Fee

$500 Cypress
All Benefits at the Above Levels, plus:
• Margaret Stones Big Leaf Magnolia Print or Choose 4 from over a dozen Nature-themed Pocket Guides
• 2 Tickets to Annual Symposium

$1,000 Live Oak
All Benefits at the Above Levels, plus:
• 1 Fee for Professional Photography Session Waived
• One Guided Plant Tour of Hilltop with Refreshments
• 15% Discount on Facility Rental